



EMBASSY OF THE
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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THRU: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--October 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Two major AFP stories this month turned out to be incorrect. Citing a local Ivory Coast official as the source, AFP twice reported that Vice President Bush was to visit Abidjan during October. Both reports were subsequently denied by the U.S. Embassy here. The Bureau kept both the Embassy and the Ivorian Foreign Ministry informed of reports concerning the Bush visit. Later in the month, AFP filed a story reporting that the League of Arab States had called for all member-states to break diplomatic relations with Ivory Coast because of the Ivorian plan to reopen an Embassy in Jerusalem. The Bureau subsequently stayed open late to catch a live news conference at midnight on Ivorian television in which the Ivorian foreign minister reacted to reports that relations would be broken. Although it was never confirmed that the Arab States were going to break relations with Ivory Coast, the Ivorian ruling party later called on the government to move the embassy to Tel Aviv.

B. Coverage

1. As of 15 October, the Bureau began splitting coverage of selected BBC casts with Swaziland Bureau to ease the burden on their staffing. Abidjan now covers all BBC Africa-beamed casts for Sub-Saharan Africa except Southern Africa.

2. The Bureau ceased printing of the AFP French beam on 7 October after an extensive study of the service verified that the French beam essentially duplicates reporting from the AFP land line. The French beam will remain on bureau coverage as a backstop should the now-reliable land line falter.

3. A three-day cruising effort on Freetown Domestic Service failed to provide any monitorable coverage in the 0600-2230 GMT time frame.

C. Communications

Communications outages decreased markedly this month although overall the Bureau continues to experience a higher than normal number of outages. The latter part of the month was significantly better than the first half and Embassy TCU feels that by replacing some of their malfunctioning equipment, the apparent cause of the outages has been eliminated.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor trainee [] EOD'd on 12 October. STAT

2. Senior monitor [] received a PSI during the month. STAT

III. VISITS

1. Chief/Engineering Support Group, [] visited the Bureau 5-7 November. STAT

2. On 29 October Ambassador Howard Walker, director of State Department's West Africa Bureau, visited the Bureau. Ambassador Walker had served in Nigeria during the time when our Kaduna Bureau was open and had requested that a walk-through of Abidjan Bureau be included on his schedule of appointments.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for October 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	146210
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	13750
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	708

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7967.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	4470		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	7870		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1700		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	650		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			120
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	980		
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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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CHAD

Ndjamena Domestic Service in
French

5380

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio
in

French

280

CONGO

Brazzaville Domestic Service in
French

0

Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in
French

0

Brazzaville ETUMBA in
French

0

*Brazzaville MWETI in
French

0

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Malabo Domestic Service in
Spanish

0

FRANCE

Paris AFP in
English

7860

Paris AFP in
French

19210

Paris Diplomatic Information
Service in
French

180

Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in
French

6270

GABON

Libreville Africa No. 1 in
French

2860

Libreville Domestic Service in
French

150

Libreville L'UNION in
French

0

GHANA

Accra Domestic Service in
English

19380

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Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0

GREAT BRITAIN London BBC English English	1750		
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GUINEA Conakry Domestic Service in French	2410		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0

GUINEA-BISSAU Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			370
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IVORY COAST Abidjan Domestic Service in French	2470		
Abidjan Television Service in French	620		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			260
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			1220
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0

LIBERIA Monrovia Domestic Service in English	1880		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	5280		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0

MALI Bamako Domestic Service in French	3710		
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Bamako L'ESSOR in French		0
MAURITANIA		
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	1400	
Nouakchott CHAAB in French		0
NIGER		
Niamey Domestic Service in French	1060	
Niamey LE SAHEL in French		0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French		0
NIGERIA		
Lagos International Service in English	1830	
Lagos Domestic Service in English	16520	
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	1090	
Lagos NAN in English		950
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English		0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English		0
SENEGAL		
Dakar Domestic Service in French	1210	
DAKAR FANA in english		2800
Dakar FANA in French		2080
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French		0
SIERRA LEONE		
Freetown Domestic Service in English	0	
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English		0

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THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English		0
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TOGO Lome International Service in French	300	
Lome Domestic Service in French	8020	
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French		0

ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	5510	
Kinshasa AZAP in French		5310
Kinshasa ELIMA in French		800